



# Timberbank Times

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## Principal's Message

We cannot believe that another year is coming to an end. It has been an incredible year and our staff and students have worked hard through the heat to teach and learn. Our grade 3 and 6 students wrote the EQAO assessment at the end of May. And there was some exciting learning happening in our classes as our grade 5s built incredible bridges and structures and our primary division focused on points of view in their writing while our kindergartens learned so much in their first year of Full-Day Kindergarten.

Since our last newsletter so much has happened. Our school welcomed a delegation of professors from Qiaoban (China) and they were so impressed with our students and the learning that was happening in our classes. Once again, our parents were dazzled by our incredibly talented students at our Spring Concert, "The Elements of Life". We danced and sang and were in fine form. But that's not all...

For the first time, our School Council and staff organized the Timberbank Spring Fun Fair on June 16, 2012. The weather cooperated and there were amazing activities for all to do. Whether jumping in one of the beautiful castles; getting your face painted; sporting a new tattoo; sitting in a Nascar; shopping with our vendors; enjoying some good food; watching the entertaining Folkdancers, listening to our Band; visiting the Raptors truck; or getting dunked in the dunk tank, there was fun for everyone. Thank you so much for supporting our Spring Fun Fair this year and we're very excited about planning our next one.

As the June report cards go home this Thursday, June 28th and we prepare for the summer holidays, we are also saying good-bye to some of our staff. We want to thank Ms Bass-West, Ms Keith, Mrs. Lokuliyana, Ms McCleary and Ms Zareh for all of their hard work and commitment to our students and community. We are truly going to miss them and want to wish them all the best in their new schools.

From all of us, we would like to wish everyone happy summer holidays! Play hard, play safe, have fun and we'll see you on September 4th.

Mrs. Anna Epikropou

## Upcoming Dates

June 27 Grade 6 Farewell @ 2:00 pm  
June 28 Last Day of School for students  
June 28 Report Cards Go Home  
June 29 PA Day - no school for students

June 29 - SUMMER HOLIDAYS  
Sept 3

Sept 4 First Day of School



## **Athletics**

### **Boys Softball**

For the first time this year, we had a boys softball team that practised and played a few games. Congratulations to Anda, Andrew, Avery, Birathesh, Devin, Gamielle, Henry, Nirajh, Safiullah, Taylor, Vishnu, Xin, and Zaid. Thanks to Ms Bass-West and Ms Keith for organizing this team at this very busy time of year!!



Well done boys! You always displayed excellent sportsmanship!!

### **Co-ed Volleyball Team vs. The Staff**

Once again this year, we held the annual co-ed volleyball team against the staff game on Wednesday, June 20th...and what a game it was!

The students fought hard and it went to a tie-breaker, but in the end the staff prevailed...there's always next year!



## **ECO News**

*We did it! We had our EcoAudit in May and achieved GOLD!!!*

*Thanks to everyone's hard work and commitment and to our Ecoteam for leading the way. We are now striving for Platinum...*



*Remember to continue to "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repair" and hold on to those Milk Bags and CDs/DVDs till September !*



## **FIT for Life**

On Saturday, June 9 at Downsview Park, the TDSB hosted the first ever Fit for Life Fun Run to celebrate a year of health and physical activity.



We know that healthy students are better able to learn so the Run also raised funds for nutrition programs across the Board to help give students a healthy start to the day.

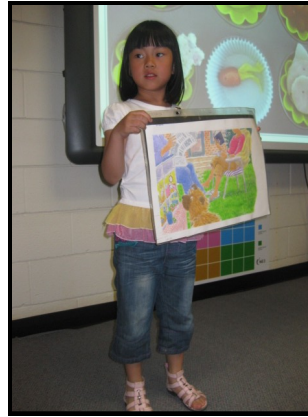
Many of our students trained hard for the event. Thank you to all the parents, staff and students who came to the event.

We hope you had fun!



## Ruth Ohi Visits!

On June 8, 2012, we had the pleasure of having author/illustrator Ruth Ohi visit Timberbank and work ALL of our students. Because of the hard work and dedication in completing "Just Read It" entries on-line by our students, we won this visit and it was great! Take a look!!



## Gentle Reminders:

- **Vehicles dropping off** students need to be mindful of the crosswalk and clearly posted signage for NO Stopping. **Please do not do U-turns on Timberbank.** Take a moment and move down the street and make your turns safely. Always follow the posted speed limit.
- **The Smoke-Free Ontario Act** prohibits anyone from holding or smoking lighted tobacco on any public or private school property at any time. This includes school parking lots, inside vehicles, driveways, fields, playgrounds etc...
- **Electronic games/devices** should not be brought to school and cell phones, if necessary, must be turned off, and secured in your child's backpack. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
- **Student Safety:** During the school day, all doors to our school are locked and we ask parents and caregivers to please enter through the front doors and remember to always check in at the office. Staff washrooms are available for adult use along with a male and female washroom in the main foyer. Please do not enter student washrooms.
- **Yard Supervision** times are 8:30 to 8:45 am / 12: 25 to 12:35 pm / 3:25 to 3:40 pm. Students should not arrive earlier unless they are taking part in a supervised event. Students who go home for lunch are asked to return no earlier than 12:30 pm.
- **Dogs:** Our children deserve to play in a clean and safe environment. **Dogs are not allowed on TDSB property at any time.**
- **Playscape:** Our playscape is a very popular place before, during, and after school. If your children are playing on the equipment before and after school, please make certain that they are being supervised.



**Reminder!**

- **Hats, water and appropriate footwear** are recommended for play and gym class. All students are asked to have a pair of indoor and outdoor shoes.

## Timberbank's Spring Fun Fair!



## We are POETS!

### **A Recipe for Justice (by: Praavean)**

Take one whole cup of confidence and one whole cup of rights.  
Put the confidence and rights in each person's heart and blend it until it protests for Justice.  
Stir until everyone gets the bravery to protest for freedom,  
Until the government makes a helpful decision for the world.  
Throw in three cups of Human Rights.  
Bake the Human Rights at 400 degrees, until it spreads all around the world.  
You can tell when it's done when the government makes a change to the world.  
Let stand until all the countries make a change.  
Add trees, plants and eco-friendly stuff.  
Cut and serve with a fresh atmosphere.  
Tastes like a shining world.



### **A Recipe for Spring (by: Eunice)**

Take some singing birds, one million butterflies, one cup of busy bees.  
Put them in a big bowl and mix with some candy until they all mix together.  
Pour in 20 drops of sweet raindrops.  
Bake in an oven at the right temperature until it smells sweet and you hear bird's happy song.  
You can tell it's done when you hear some little child laughing.  
Let stand until it is not that hot.  
Add some happy sprinkles.  
When it tastes sweet, you can feel spring is coming!!

### **Young Women on the Move @ Camp Robin Hood**

"I loved Camp Robin Hood! My favourite part was at the end when we were in the air tent thingy and we played Rock, Paper, Scissors. I was the leader of a very long line, but then I lost and my line belonged to someone else. But it was still fun to be a leader for a little bit." (Helen)

"Camp Robin Hood was fun and exciting because we played fun games. I loved Camp Robin Hood because I got to spend time with my friends. Camp Robin Hood is a great place. I love it and I wish I could go there every day." (Sasha)

"I liked Camp Robin Hood. It was a really fun place to go to. We got to do some exercises and activities together and meet other children from other schools. The best thing about Camp Robin Hood that I liked was the See-Saw Balancing activity and the place where we swang from one place to another." (Hajra)

### **YWM cont...**

"At Camp Robin Hood, I learned many things about teamwork. Teamwork is very important. There was a game called 'Gilligan's Island'. We needed to form a group on an island and swing to another island over an 'ocean'. We needed to hold onto the rope very tight to swing over to the other side. The team was on the other island where people would help you get down from the rope. When I swung to the other island, the other girls helped me get down from the rope. If no one helped me to get down from the rope, I wouldn't have made it. That's why teamwork is very important." (Eunice)





**Thanking Our Volunteers!**



### School Times for 2012-2013

Thank you to all who sent in their surveys about the kindergarten times for next year. After reviewing all the surveys, it was clear that the majority of parents in our community would like the same times for our kindergarten students as the rest of the school. So, next year the times are as follows for ALL students:

8:45: First Bell (entry)

8:50: School Begins for the morning till Lunch

10:10: Recess (15 minutes)

11:35 - 12:35: LUNCH (supervised for those who do not have a parent home at lunch time)

12:35: Entry Bell

12:40: School Begins for the afternoon till Dismissal

2:00: Recess (15 minutes)

3:25: Dismissal



## Community Information

Would you like to give feedback about what types of projects go on in your community?

Are you looking for volunteer experience?

Would you like to expand your network?

**Join the Steeles-L'Amoreaux Resident**

**Action Grant Review Committee**

The purpose of the review committee is:

- To review potential projects that residents want to implement in the SLAM community
- To give your opinion and recommend which projects receive funding

If you are interested, please call the ANC office at 416-609-9393 or email [krezwanul@agincourtcommunityservices.com](mailto:krezwanul@agincourtcommunityservices.com)



## Roots of Empathy

Once again this year we were fortunate to have "Roots of Empathy" at Timberbank. We would like to thank Toni, our instructor, for working with our students and baby Audrey for allowing us to watch her grow before us!

We can't wait to have the program again next year!

